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**PATENT**  
Docket No. GCL 584-2

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of )  
Huaming Wang )  
Serial No.: 09/656,640 )  
Filed: September 7, 2000 )  
For: Phenol Oxidizing Enzyme Variants )

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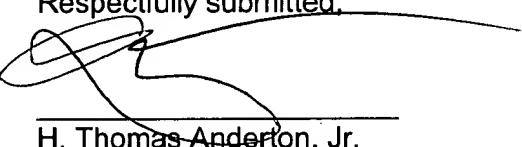
**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's requirement that a single elected species be elected, Applicants hereby elect the invention in Category II, Claims 12-16 and 18-21, drawn to the nucleic acid group. Applicants have fully and completely responded to the Office Action and have made the required election. This application is now in order for early allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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